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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 CONGRATULATING SUEDEEN G. KELLY ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE
12 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.

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14 WHEREAS, Suedeem G. Kelly was appointed to the federal
15 regulatory commission on November 7, 2003, upon her nomination
16 by President George W. Bush and confirmation by the United
17 States senate; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal regulatory commission regulates the
19 transmission and wholesale sale of electricity and natural gas
20 in interstate commerce; regulates the transmission of oil by
21 pipeline in interstate commerce; and oversees environmental
22 matters related to natural gas, oil, electricity and
23 hydroelectric power; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Kelly is amply qualified for her new
25 position, having spent most of her legal career in the areas of

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1 public utilities and natural resources; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Kelly has a bachelor's degree in chemistry
3 from the university of Rochester and a doctor of jurisprudence
4 degree from Cornell university law school; and

5 WHEREAS, she served as an assistant attorney general in
6 that office's public utilities division from 1982-1983 and was
7 appointed by Governor Toney Anaya to the public utility
8 commission in 1983, where she served as chairwoman in 1983 and
9 1984 and as a commissioner through 1986; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Kelly taught energy law, public utility
11 regulation, legislative process and administrative law and
12 practice at the university of New Mexico school of law and was
13 the editor-in-chief of the *Natural Resources Journal* for many
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Kelly also served the New Mexico legislature
16 as an expert on energy matters and the organization of the
17 public regulation commission; and

18 WHEREAS, during Ms. Kelly's tenure as a public utility
19 commissioner, the commission pioneered the way for wholesale
20 power trading agreements in this and other states, and her
21 appointment to the federal commission comes at a crucial time
22 in energy regulation; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Bingaman said at her nomination,
24 ". . . it is important for the West to have a voice on this key
25 panel, and Suedeem is ideally suited for the job. As a

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1 Westerner and an expert on energy law, she will bring valuable
2 experience and an important perspective to the work of the
3 commission.";

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congratulations be extended to Suedeem
6 G. Kelly on her appointment to the federal energy regulatory
7 commission; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to Suedeem G. Kelly.